(c) the conditions and procedure for setting up of such agencies; and

(d) the details of new agencies proposed to be set up in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There are two City Booking Agencies in Chhattisgarh presently.

(b) Both these agencies are situated at Raipur. They are situated at Station Road and Moti Bagh Chowk respectively.

(c) As per extant policy, open tenders are invited through press notification for awarding the contract for the City Booking Agency/Out Agency. The agency is allotted to the applicant found most suitable in all respects.

(d) There is a proposal for opening a City Booking Agency at Bilaspur for which action has already been initiated by South Eastern Railway.

Rail projects in Jharkhand

2191. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any Memorandum of under-standing with the Jharkhand Government for six rail projects in that State;

(b) if so, the details of those projects and cost of each;

(c) by when each of these projects is likely to be completed;

(d) whether similar MoUs have also been signed by the Railways with other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following six projects have been identified for execution through cost-sharing basis:

Project	Funds required for completion as on 1.4.02 (Rs. crores)
Ranchi-Barkakana-Hazaribagh-Koderma New Line	1002
Ranchi-Lohardaga Gauge Conversion with extension to Tori	216
Deogarh-Dumka New Line	200
Dumka-Rampurhat New Line	154
Koderma-Giridih New Line	351
Koderma-Tilaiya New Line (only Jharkhand portion)	74
TOTAL:	1997

As per the agreed terms of MoU, the projects are targetted for completion in five years timeframe.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Use of inferior material at Ganj Basoda Railway platforms

†2192. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contractors have used inferior material in carrying out expansion work of platform Nos. 1 and 2 at Ganj Basoda railway station of Central Railway and cracks have begun to appear after the construction;

(b) if so, the measures being taken to beautify and fortify the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No sub-standard work has been done in connection with the work of extension of platform at Ganj Basoda station.

†Original notice of (he Question was received in Hindi.